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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2553

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Masaaki HATANO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2827
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Serial No.: 09/816,177) Examiner: Mitchell, James M.
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Filed: March 26, 2001)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, with a period for response extending through October 14, 2004, please amend the application as follows. Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.